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## II. BOOK REVIEWS.

CURRENT LAW. A Complete Encyclopedia of New Law. Volumes I. and II. Edited by George Foster Longsdorf and Walter A. Shumaker. St. Paul, Minn.: Keefe-Davidson Company. 1904. pp. x, 1-1208; xviii, 1209-2195. 4to.

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